

Psychic Predictions

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Psychics have “Prophetic Accuracy Quotients.” These are the percentages when their hunches turn out right. Jeane Dixon, Daniel Logan, David Bubar, and the others try to score high. But it is quite rare that they guess any future event correctly.

The predictions of prophets in the Bible were quite different. They were given with certainty, the certainty of God backing them. Every prediction given by a prophet always came true unless, because men repented of their sins and returned to God—or because they decided to leave Him,—the predicted outcome must be changed. If men will sincerely repent, God will give them another opportunity. But, with this one exception, the predictions of the prophet will always come to pass.

It is in the Bible that we find the predictions of the prophets. Their messages originate with God. In contrast, we find the predictions of the psychics and astrologers in the newspaper tabloids. Their messages come from spiritualism.

Prophets reproved sin and exalted the power of God; their writings lead men to Christ and warn them of coming crises.

The psychics derive their information from the dark world. They tell us that their powers to predict come from crystal balls and “spirits of dead men” who visit them.

And what of their predictions?

Every year there seems to be more psychics than the year before. And they are predicting all kinds of events—engagements of movie starlets, political results, TV star contracts, the births of new “messiahs,” next year’s clothing fashions, spiritualistic phenomena, and airplane crashes.

We need information. But sources are important. We dare not go to the wrong ones. Are the psychics and their fellow travelers (the astrologers, clairvoyants, mediums, and satanists) safe? Are they reliable? There are ways we can

know.

Whereas the prophets of God received visions from heaven, warning men to repent of their sins and return to God; the psychics obtain their information from contacts that are far different.

They tell us that their powers to predict come from crystal balls, light bulbs, electronic boxes, and “spirits of dead men” who visit them; ouija boards and séances are other means of information. And, as we shall find, guesswork is yet another helpful source.

Oddly enough, the events themselves seem generally to be focused on celebrities: movie stars, singers, politicians, and so forth. More often than not, the occurrence predicted will just be a marriage or some such affair.

But not so with the ancient prophets sent to men with messages from Heaven. They received their directions directly from God through visions and dreams. And they warned men everywhere to flee from sin and return to the Lord while there was still time. And they predicted judgments upon the land.

They clearly declared that these judgments would come because of disobedience to the laws of God. And—unlike the psychics of our day,—their predictions could be counted on to come true unless men repented of those sins.

Edgar Cayce was one of the leading psychics in the middle of the 20th century. He gained prominence because of his astounding prophecies, not one of which came true. Cayce predicted that the lands of Japan, America, and the Arctic would be totally devastated sometime between 1958 and 1998. Within a single generation after 1941 (25 years), He predicted that Los Angeles, San Francisco, and New York City would be blotted out of existence. He said that, by 1969, the mythical continent of Atlantis would rise up out of the ocean. He also declared that a “pole shift” would cause devastation throughout the entire world in the year 2001.

At the beginning of 1978, Ralph Blodgett decided it

was time to settle this matter of “psychics.”

So he did what other people had generally only thought of doing. He went from one magazine vending counter to another, buying up the first-of-the-year sensational and gossip tabloids. Then he took his loot home and carefully compiled a list of 250 definite predictions for the year 1978.

As the year passed, he kept close tab on the news stories as they broke—in the newspapers, as well as the major news, science, gossip and sports magazines—and kept watching for fulfillments of those 250 predictions.

Then he sat down at the end of the year and put it all together. Out of 250 specific prognostications, by the thirty leading psychics of the world, *less than 3 percent* (i.e., 6 out of 250) could be listed as reasonably fulfilled. Ninety-seven percent missed the mark entirely. (The six correct ones had been stated in such general terms that it was not difficult to find someone or someplace that could fulfill them.)

“What kind of predictions are we talking about? Here are a few for 1978 that flopped: U.S. space shuttle disaster sets program back 10 years; another major power failure to hit New York City in early 1978; a fire ravages the White House; the price of gas to reach \$1.50 a gallon in U.S.; Quebec to split from rest of Canada; Carter to impose mandatory nationwide four-day work week in January; Cuba to apply to become fifty-first state; nationwide postal strike to halt all Christmas mail; Carter to reintroduce the draft in September; discovery of a cancer cure; Red China and the Soviet Union to go to war; CIA and FBI merge into a super spy agency; and remains of Atlantis discovered in Mediterranean off Turkey.”—*Ralph Blodgett, “Supermarket Psychics Spin the Roulette Wheel Again,” These Times, March, 1979.*

Not only predictions of major news events were included, but also many that were little better than ridiculous: Five different psychics predicted that “Charlie’s Angels” TV show would be canceled. It was predicted that Burt Reynolds would marry Sally Field; Lindsay Wagner would become a TV superstar rage, replacing Farrah Fawcett-Majors; “Big-foot” would be captured. (None of which came true.) Such are not the messages of God to our world today.

In order to test the validity of horoscopes, an advertisement was placed in a Paris newspaper (*Ici Paris*) in 1979. A free, personal horoscope was offered to anyone

who would report back on how accurate it had been.

Of the first 150 people who replied, 94 percent declared that it exactly fit their circumstances, their personalities, and the events of their lives. In addition, 90 percent of their friends and family agreed with this assessment.

Later, those who placed the ad revealed that everyone had been sent, not a personalized horoscope, but the same one. And it was disclosed that it was one prepared for a mass murderer.

In 1982, an organization known as the *Australian Skeptics* compared horoscopes found in 13 different newspapers for the same week. It was discovered that they gave a wide range of differing predictions for the same astrological sign. Checking them over carefully, they found that about half predicted good fortune for the week while the other half predicted disaster.

Seven years later, in response to a \$100,000 TV show challenge, a well-known astrologer cast the charts of 12 people after being given their birth information. After this, the psychic spoke at length on the show with each of the twelve; and it was found that his charts did not match what happened in each of their lives for the time periods horoscoped.

In 1994, the Melbourne *Sunday Age* newspaper challenged six astrologers to predict the winner of the forthcoming Melbourne Cup, a famous yacht race. Every one of the six totally failed to predict the outcome.

The well-known psychic, Gordon-Michael Scallion claims that his predictions average nearly 90 percent accuracy. That sounds good, as long as you do not check his track record. Out of 66 predictions made for 1995, only a few came to pass; and all those were merely the continuation of an obvious trend or worded so vaguely they could hardly fail (herbal sales will increase, the number of witches will increase, there will be more UFO sightings).

The Bible says, “Thus saith the Lord, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven” (*Jeremiah 10:2*).

The only reliable source of information is the Lord.

“And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep and that mutter; should not a people seek unto their God? [instead of] for the living to [seek guidance of] the dead? To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this Word, it is because there is no light in them”—*Isaiah 8:19-20.*

The Road to the Occult

There are five levels of reading. Remain on the highest levels. The lower ones can destroy you.

THE HIGHEST LEVEL

The highest level is the God's Inspired Writings. The Holy Bible can prepare you for heaven. Only God's Holy Word can lead you on the path to heaven.

Next to that are stories of great Christians and missionaries, along with stories of Christians who have been faithful in earlier centuries. These are always helpful. Reading them encourages you to want to live like them, true to God to the end.

THE REAL WORLD

The next level down is current events. Here we have the news of the day, some of which is worth learning about. Also included here is history, technology, and scientific facts. (Not included here is evolutionary theory, which is a form of fantasy, a far lower level.)

THE FICTITIOUS WORLD

The next level down is fiction. The best type consists of books and articles which try to warn of spiritual dangers and encourage you to live a better Christian life. But this is not the best level of reading. God's Word is.

Below this comes a variety of fiction which is very bad for you. There are millions of books which belong here. Although the stories are generally set in the real world, they encourage you to like vicious, licentious, and all kinds of evil things.

People who read fiction find it harder to handle the duties and problems of everyday life with Christian patience and trust in God.

THE FANTASY WORLD

Now we drop still lower to the world of

fantasy. These are stories about impossible things in make-believe worlds, inhabited by giants and gremlins, talking animals and strange creatures. This is an unreal world, and learning to like it is not good. The reading of fairy tales prepares you for the next level down, which is witchcraft.

In this category, we find Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*, J.R.R. Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*, and C.S. Lewis' *Chronicles of Narnia*.

Both in this category and the next, we find many of the Andersons' and Grimes' fairy tales, also the Oz stories by Frank Baum—which are about actual witchcraft.

THE SPIRIT WORLD

Now you enter the world of horrors. By the time a person reaches this level, he has learned to enjoy the things of witchcraft.

Here we find stories about witches, vampires, and other horrible creatures which, although imaginary, are actually the things used by spiritualists to frighten and catch you.

Anton Lavey's *Satanic Bible* would fall into this category.

THE OCCULT WORLD

Next we come to books which actually instruct the reader in the details of witchcraft. These books do more than merely talk about witches, they explain in detail their training program and how they carry on their magic.

Here we find the actual instructional books for witches in training. Included here are J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter books. They provide entry-level instruction.

The *Ordo Anno Mundi* (OAM) Series are books for professional witches. They contain instruction only somewhat in advance of the Rowling books. ***They have complete witch-***

craft instructions—yet are little different than the Potter books!

Here is a comparison between the professional witchcraft training series and the Harry Potter books:

OAM has seven degrees of “*Magical Training*,” and includes classes strikingly similar to those offered at Hogwarts, Harry Potter’s school.

OAM General Education primer: “Ancient Runes.” / Here is an example from the Harry Potter books: “Those are my books for . . . Divination, the Study of Ancient Runes” (*Prisoner of Azkaban*, p. 57, original edition).

OAM First Degree: “Divination.” An example in Harry Potter: “We will be covering the basic methods of Divination this year” (*Prisoner of Azkaban*, p. 103).

OAM First Degree: “Spellcasting.” An example in Potter: “All students should have a copy of each of the following: *The standard Book of Spells (Grade 1)*” (*Sorcerer’s Stone*, p. 66).

OAM Fourth Degree: “Animal Transforma-

tion (witches also call it “transfiguration”).” An example from the Potter books: “Transfiguration is some of the most complex and dangerous magic you will learn at Hogwarts” (*Sorcerer’s Stone*, p. 134). “My transformations in those days were—were terrible. It is very painful to turn into a werewolf . . . [My friends] could each turn into a different animal” (*Prisoner of Azkaban*, pp. 353-354).

OAM Fifth Degreee: “Magical Lore” An example from Potter: “Their very last exam was History of Magic” (*Sorcerer’s Stone*, p. 263).

In addition to incantations, the Harry Potter books contain the most horrible stories about people being killed by Hogwarts’ students, who laugh about it then and afterward.

There is also profanity in the books. For example, in *Book 4*, you will find it on pp. 43, 62, 127, 232, 344, 470, 561, and 626.

Such books should be read neither by children nor by adults. They are evil and a menace to the eternal welfare of the soul.

“God has expressly forbidden all pretended communication with departed spirits. In the days of the Hebrews there was a class of people who claimed, as do the spiritualists of today, to hold communication with the dead. But the ‘familiar spirits,’ as these visitants from other worlds were called, are declared by the Bible to be ‘the spirits of devils.’ (Compare Numbers 25:1-3; Psalm 106:28; 1 Corinthians 10:20; Revelation 16:14.) The work of dealing with familiar spirits was pronounced an abomination to the Lord, and was solemnly forbidden under penalty of death. Leviticus 19:31; 20:27.”—*Great Controversy*, 556.

“There are few who have any just conception of the deceptive power of spiritualism and the danger of coming under its influence. Many tamper with it merely to gratify their curiosity. They have no real faith in it and would be filled with horror at the thought of yielding themselves to the spirits’ control. But they venture upon the forbidden ground, and the mighty destroyer exercises his power upon them against their will. Let them once be induced to submit their

minds to his direction, and he holds them captive. It is impossible, in their own strength, to break away from the bewitching, alluring spell. Nothing but the power of God, granted in answer to the earnest prayer of faith, can deliver these ensnared souls.”—*Great Controversy*, 558.

“Many will be confronted by the spirits of devils personating beloved relatives or friends and declaring the most dangerous heresies. These visitants will appeal to our tenderest sympathies and will work miracles to sustain their pretensions. We must be prepared to withstand them with the Bible truth that the dead know not anything and that they who thus appear are the spirits of devils.”—*Great Controversy*, 560.

“Spiritualism, which numbers its converts by hundreds of thousands, yea, by millions, which has made its way into scientific circles, which has invaded churches, and has found favor in legislative bodies, and even in the courts of kings—this mammoth deception is but a revival, in a new disguise, of the witchcraft condemned and prohibited of old.”—*Great Controversy*, 556.

SHARE THIS SHEET WITH EVERY PARENT YOU KNOW

The Dark World of Harry Potter

Over 40 million copies of the Harry Potter books have been printed. You will find them in over 40 languages, in 130 countries. Over a million audio versions have been sold. Scholastic, the U.S. publisher of the books, has netted \$200 million in profits from their sale. The author, J.K. Rowling, is now the richest woman in Britain and the first billionaire in history who obtained it by writing books.

The four books released so far are:

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (1997)

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (1999)

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (1999)

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (2000)

A total of seven are planned because Rowling says seven is a magic number. (All references to these books in this study are to the original books, not the lower-cost paperbacks.)

It is as if a magical spell has been cast over the world, and everyone must buy and love those books and everything associated with them. All types of children's toys, figures, trading cards, roll-playing games (similar to Dungeons & Dragons), costume clothes, computer games, book bags, and candies are being marketed. Warner Bros. has signed a contract to produce a full-length motion picture to match each of the seven Potter books.

"The Harry Potter phenomenon is unprecedented in children's literature."—*Diane Roback, children's book editor, Publisher's Weekly, quoted in USA Today, December 2, 1999.*

"It's mind-boggling. It would be easy to attribute Harry Potter's success to some form of magical intervention."—*Jean Feiwel, Scholastic representative, quoted in Los Angeles Times, October 22, 1999.*

Study books and classroom study guides have been prepared, so schoolteachers can lead their students through "the origins and mysteries of Harry's world," including its occult rituals (see "*Harry Potter Can Help Parents and Teachers Educate Kids, Children's Book Expert Says*," *PR Newswire, August 17, 2000*).

Beacham Publications has released the teacher's sourcebook, *Exploring Harry Potter*, with all kinds of teacher's aids which include "witches, Druids, goddess worshippers, and other pagans in America today."

A recent Gallup poll found that almost one-third of all parents with kids under eighteen have children who have read a Harry Potter book (*Breakpoint, July 14, 2000*).

"I get letters from children addressed to Professor Dumbledore, and it's not a joke, begging to be let into Hogwarts, and some of them are really sad. Because they want it to be true so badly they've convinced themselves it's true."—*Rowling, Newsweek, July 1, 2000.*

J.K. Rowling claims that the idea for the Harry Potter books suddenly came to her one day in 1990 while riding on a train. So she just started writing, and everything came to mind as she wrote. At least, that is what she says.

"The character of Harry just strolled into my head . . . I really did feel he was someone who walked up and introduced himself to my mind's eye."—*Rowling, quoted in Reuters, July 17, 2000.*

Believing her, readers think everything in the books just popped into her imagination. But, as we will discover, the reality is far different.

If Rowling is not a practicing witch, she has studied deeply into the blackest of witchcraft training manuals. And she is pouring it into her seven books. The Harry Potter books teach every lurid aspect of witchcraft! Nothing is omitted!

Joanne Kathleen Rowling grew up in Scotland. **What she doesn't tell you is that, since childhood, she has tried to learn everything she can about witchcraft.**

According to Ian Potter (a childhood friend, whose last name she used in her book titles), Rowling used to dress up as a witch all the time. Ian's younger sister, Vikki, also remembers those days when they were growing up together.

"Our favorite thing was to dress up as witches. We used to dress up and play witch all the time. My brother would dress up as a wizard. Joanne was always reading witchcraft stories to us . . . We would make secret potions for her. She would always send us off to get twigs for the potions."—*Ian Potter and Vikki Potter, quoted in Danielle Demetriou, "Harry Potter and the Source of Inspiration," Electronic Telegraph, July 1, 2000.*

Trying to hide her years of witchcraft involvement, Rowling claims that she knows little about witchcraft and really has no interest in it.

"I truly am bemused that anyone who has read the books could think that I am a proponent of the occult in any serious way. I don't believe in witchcraft, in the sense that they're talking about, at all . . . I don't believe in magic in the way I describe it in my books."—*"Success Stuns Harry Potter Author," Associated Press, July 6, 2000.*

But, during a 1999 interview, Rowling admitted that, in the process of writing the books, she had studied mythology, witchcraft, and the exact words used in witches' spells.

"I do a certain amount of research and folklore is quite important in books. So where I'm mentioning a creature, or a spell that people used to believe genuinely would work—of course, it didn't . . . then, I will find out exactly what the words were, and I will find out exactly what the characteristics of that creature or ghost were supposed to be . . . [Much of sorcery material in the books] are things that people genuinely used to believe in Britain."—*J.K.R. interview on National Public Radio, October 20, 1999.*

Rowling plays down the fact that witches still use the spells she is now teaching! When we dabble with Satanism, demons begin affecting our minds.

During one call-in interview, a wizard excitedly asked Rowling if she was a member of the "Craft" (Wicca, the organization witches belong to). When she answered no, he was shocked and replied, "Well, you've done your homework quite well!" He went on to say that he loved the Potter books because they were full of the same occult formulas he regularly used.

The secular media has gone wild over Harry Potter. It is as if a single spirit is controlling their thinking on this matter. Ominously enough, a majority of the Christian media is also very much in favor of this outstanding opportunity for little children to learn how to delve into the deep things of witchcraft.

"The literary witchcraft of the Harry Potter Series has almost no resemblance to the I-am-god mumbo jumbo of Wiccan circles."—*"Why We Like Harry Potter," Christianity Today, January 10, 2000.*

"Wicca" is the name given to the official religion of Witchcraft, founded in the twentieth century by Gerald Gardner (1884-1964).

In an article for the Roman Catholic journal, *First Things*, Alan Jacobs of Wheaton College described the novels as "a great deal of fun," their magic as "charming," and added, "There is in books like this the possibility for serious moral reflection" (*First Things, January 2000*).

Chuck Colson, the man who says he has been "born again," said on his Breakpoint broadcast that fantasy tales are harmless and Rowling's book characters demonstrate "courage, loyalty, and a willingness to sacrifice for one another; not bad lessons in a self-centered world" (*Chuck Colson, Breakpoint, November 2, 1999*).

America's leading Christian magazine says this:

"Rowling's series is a Book of Virtues with a pre-adolescent funny bone. Amid the laugh-out-loud scenes are wonderful examples of compassion, loyalty, courage, friendship, and even self-sacrifice. No wonder young readers want to be like these believable characters. That is a Christmas present we can be grateful for."—*Christianity Today, "Why We Like Harry Potter," January 10, 2000.*

But not everyone is fooled.

"There is a general nastiness underneath the mantle of cuteness. The kids lie, they steal, they take revenge. This is a disturbing moral world, and it conflicts with what I am trying to teach my children."—*Ken McCormick, quoted in Baptist Press, July 13, 2000.*

That is putting it mildly! You are about to obtain a glimpse of a chamber of horrors, known as the "Harry Potter books."

By 1999, more efforts were made to ban the Potter books from U.S. public schools than any other book or set of books. By the next year, over 400 lawsuits had been filed to stop the use of those books in our public schools.

Rowling laughs at the complaints, declaring:

"I am not trying to influence anyone into black magic. That's the very last thing I'd want to do . . . My wizarding world is a world of the imagination. I think it's a moral world."—*Rowling, quoted in USA Weekend Online, November 14, 1999.*

Rowling says that it really does not matter what books children look at. Let them read anything they want is her position.

"When I was quite young, my parents never said books were off limits . . . As a child, I read a lot of adult books. I don't think you should censor kids' reading material. It's important just to let them go do what they need to do."—*NPR interview, October 20, 1999.*

It is of interest that 43 percent of the Potter books are sold to readers older than fourteen and 29 percent are sold to people over thirty-five.

What do the Harry Potter books teach?

People who are not involved in witchcraft are considered to be inferior, less intelligent, and slow to catch on to truth. They are "muggles"; but, as Rowling said in an interview, they are "not completely stupid" (*Associated Press, July 6, 2000*).

People who do right are portrayed as a nuisance. Only one person seems to have any moral qualities, Hermione, a girl student. But each time she pleads with Harry to obey the rules, he always ridicules and speaks mean to her. As part of the narrative, Rowling adds that Hermione is a "bossy-know-it-all" and "bad-tempered."

Parents are something to be avoided, not obeyed, and escaped from. The family caring for Harry in the summers occupies themselves with keeping him locked up in a room (*Chamber of Secrets, 21-22*). In Harry's world, this is what parents are like:

"Laughing like a maniac, he dragged Harry back upstairs . . . The following morning, he paid a man to fit bars on Harry's window . . . They let Harry out to use the bathroom morning and evening. Otherwise he was locked in his room around the clock."—*Chamber of Secrets, 21-22.*

Fortunately, two boys help Harry run away from home, where he is rewarded with a nice home to stay in. Judith Krug, of the Chicago-based American Library Association, explains it this way:

"The storyline is excellent . . . There's no one always telling him [Harry] what to do, and what young person hasn't said, 'Oh, if they'd only leave me alone.' Or 'I wish that I didn't have parents!' They don't mean this in a mean way. It's just that parents get in the way."—*Judith Krug, quoted in Harry Potter Books: Craze & Controversy.*

Bad conduct is rewarded. Harry and his friends are repeatedly praised and rewarded by teachers or other students when they do bad things. Harry is constantly break-

ing rules and doing bad things, without receiving any punishment. Instead his actions are said to be clever, exciting, and the way to have more adventure. As Starhawk, founder of Covenant of the Goddess, explains it: "In witchcraft, we do not fight self-interest, we follow it" (*Starhawk, the Spiral Dance*, 76). In the Potter books, rules are made to be broken and lying is an effective way to achieve a desired end. Students and adults lie constantly to one another, then laugh about it afterward. Harry's best friend, Hagrid, continually gets drunk as a way to make his life happier (five times in Book 3 alone). He never suffers for doing so.

"I think they're very moral books."—*Rowling, BBC interview, October 17, 1999.*

"Each book takes a theme . . . with the idea of making choices in your life, and builds on them to give the child a sense of what it is to be a good human being."—*Linda Goettina, psychoanalyst, interview, Nightline, ABC, July 7, 2000.*

Swear words are used in these supposedly "sweet little books for children." In *Chamber of Secrets*, boys swear (253, 259). In *Prisoner of Azkaban*, specific words are included in swearing: "damn" (23), "bitch," referring to Harry's mother (25), "B_" for "bastard" (310), and God's name is used as a swear word (113). Book 4 (*Goblet of Fire*) has more: "Damn" (43, 62, 127, 232, 344, 561, 470), "Hell" (626), and more. Every book in the series increases in the number of swear words.

Acts of hatred and revenge repeatedly occur. Power and force are the goals to be sought, not truth and honesty. The child grows accustomed to finding excitement in meanness, selfishness, and scenes of horror.

Harry discovers a list of "curses and countercurse" to use to "bewitch your friends and befuddle your enemies with the latest revenges" (*Sorcerer's Stone*, 80).

Scenes are presented to the susceptible mind of the child which are more horrible than the most terrible nightmare. The attention is so riveted by these shocking things that the mind is more susceptible to ideas and practices which are extremely evil. Here is just one example:

"Out of the shadows, a hooded figure came crawling across the ground like some stalking beast . . . The cloaked figure reached the unicorn, lowered its head over the wound in the animal's side, and began to drink its blood."—*Sorcerer's Stone*, 256.

Believe me: I could give you quotation after quotation that is far more horrible than this!

Spirits take control of people. Voldemort has no body, so he takes control of the body of Professor Quirrell. This is what your child reads:

"Where there should have been a back to Quirrell's head, there was a face, the most terrible face Harry had ever seen. It was chalk white with glaring eyes and slits for nostrils, like a snake . . . 'See what I have become?' the face said. 'Mere shadow and vapor . . . Once I have the elixir of Life, I will be able to create a body of my own.'"—*Sorcerer's Stone*, 293-294.

Murders occur repeatedly. The face then tells Harry that he killed Harry's father and mother. Then the face commands Quirrell to kill Harry. "KILL HIM! KILL HIM" (*ibid*; full caps hers)! A "death spell" is then cast on Harry.

Actual murders of people and animals occur over and over again. In *Goblet of Fire* alone, muggles are "tortured" (589), and their killings are "done for fun" (143). Three wizards are killed (531, 589), and a man and his wife are tortured to the point of insanity (595, 603). Cedric is murdered in front of Harry (638). A child, after killing his father, turns the body into a bone and buries it (690). Each book gets worse than the one before it.

"Parents expecting a respite from the violence in popular culture will be surprised by the amount of violence that Rowling introduces into her tales. I cannot think of any classic children's story that has as much of it!"—*Lee Siegel, Reviewer, The New Republic, November 4, 1999.*

Life after death and reincarnation is taught. Death is something to be desired, as the entrance to a new, more fascinating afterlife.

"After all, to the well-organized mind, death is but the next great adventure."—*Sorcerer's Stone*, 297.

Harry finds the mirror of Erised ("desire"; witches like to play with mysterious, backward spelling), which shows him movie-like images of his dead parents smiling and waving back at him.

The reader becomes accustomed to gruesome creatures and disembodied spirits. A room-sized, three-headed "hellhound" lives under a trapdoor beneath the student's dormitory. "Nearly headless Nick" lives at the school, whose head falls almost all the way off whenever someone pulls on his ear (*Sorcerer's Stone*, 124). "Moaning Myrtle," a previously murdered student who, on various pages, repeatedly cries out in the night while the students make fun of the noise. Headless horsemen play hockey with the head of one of the ghosts who lives there (*Chamber of Secrets*, 136-137).

All the symbols and objects used by witches are found in these books. This includes spells, spell books, curse and bewitchment formulas, magic words, exorcism, wands, robes, cauldrons, flying brooms, and all the rest.

All the animals and creatures, such as elves, goats, banshees, owls, dragons,

Here is one example, which Rowling takes directly from witchcraft books: The "hand of glory" in occult teaching is the "right hand of a murderer severed after death." In *Chamber of Secrets* (Book 2), Harry finds a hand of glory, "a withered hand on a cushion," for sale in a wizard shopping store. Draco wants his father to buy it for him. The shopkeeper explains how it can help its owner steal things: "Best friend of thieves and plunderers! Your son has fine taste, sir!" (*Chamber of Secrets*, 51-52).

Famous spiritualists and gods of earlier centuries are mentioned as names of characters in the books. This helps the child become acquainted with leading pagans and gods, so he will later feel at home with professional witchcraft writings. Here are a few of the prominent ones mentioned as students, teachers, etc. in these books: Adalbert (who, in A.D. 745, was condemned to prison for sorcery). Vablatsky (Helena Blavatsky is the most famous spiritualist woman writer of the twentieth century).

Important pagan deities include Minerva (a Roman goddess). Argus (giant in Greek myth). Cerce (a witch in Homer's *Illiad*). Merlin (King Arthur's wizard). Morrighan (an an-

cient Celtic goddess of death). Cliodna (pagan goddess of Ireland and a banshee). Draco (Greek serpent god). Sibyll (Greek divination goddess).

Many more could be mentioned.

There was no need for Rowling to go to such lengths to so heavily saturate the books with spiritist lore. The only reason I can think of as to why she would do this is because she has made a contract with the devil. Rowling has done her part and Satan is doing his part,—and an avalanche of book sales have made her the richest author in the world.

Magical ability is portrayed as a special empowerment which we should seek after. This leads the reader to begin craving this witching ability.

Hundreds of children have written letters to the publishing house, asking where Hogwarts School is so they can leave home and attend it. They want to become witches and wizards!

“It is important to remember that we all have magic inside us.”—*Rowling, in a prepared video released by Scholastic.*

That echoes the words of the spiritualists:

“The powers of witchcraft, magic, shamanism, or whatever one likes to call it, are latent in everyone.”—*Doreen Valiente, The Rebirth of Witchcraft, p. 92.*

The “funny stories” are extremely horrible. The secular and Christian presses speak glowingly about how delightful and funny the Harry Potter books are. Here are two examples, from among many having this strange humor:

The boys laugh with delight upon learning that it is witchcraft teaching that mandrake roots are shriveled up live babies. Killing them is a running joke throughout Book 2. The children at the school wear earmuffs when pulling them out of the ground, because the screams are so loud “before cutting them up and stewing them” (*Chamber of Secrets, 264*).

“A small, muddy, and extremely ugly baby popped out of the earth. The leaves were growing right out of his head. He had pale, green, mottled skin, and was clearly bawling at the top of his lungs . . . They squirmed, kicked, flailed their sharp little fists, and gnashed their teeth; Harry spent ten whole minutes trying to squash a particularly fat one into a pot.”—*Chamber of Secrets, 92-94.*

Here is another example of Rowling’s “funny stories.” Can you imagine children reading this? Moaning Myrtle is the spirit of a dead girl, earlier murdered at the school, who wants to commit suicide and can’t:

“‘My life was nothing but misery at this place and now people come along ruining my death . . . I came in here [to the girl’s bathroom] and tried to kill myself. Then, of course, I remembered that I’m—I’m—’ ‘Already dead,’ said Ron helpfully. Myrtle gave a tragic sob, rose up in the air, turned over, and dived into the toilet . . . Hermione shrugged wearily and said, ‘Honestly, that was almost cheerful for Myrtle.’”—*Chamber of Secrets, 156.*

“Lighten up, the magic is so tongue-in-cheek,” says Pastor Rachel Berry Kraps of a Methodist church in Califor-

nia, “It’s just wonderful fun!” Her husband, Pastor John Kraps agrees: “We love Harry Potter, and our whole family is outraged by the opposition by the Christian right” (*quoted in San Jose Mercury News, November 13, 1999.*)

Fortune-telling, crystal-ball gazing, and hypnotic activity are emphasized as a marvelous new way to achieve higher knowledge and state of being.

“‘Crystal gazing is a particularly refined art,’ she [Sibyll, the divination teacher] tells them. ‘We shall start by practicing relaxing the conscious mind and external eyes . . . so as to clear the Inner Eye and the superconscious.’”—*Prisoner of Azkaban, 297.*

That is exactly what scryers (crystal-ball gazers) do to enter a trance! Many children reading this will start practicing it. The *Encyclopedia of Occultism and Parapsychology* says crystal gazing is a form of self-induced hypnosis to free one’s telepathic powers (*Vol. 1, 285*).

In the Potter books, Sibyll (the name comes from an ancient prophetic goddess) also teaches Harry and his friends magical potions from herbs, astral projection (out-of-body visitation), palmistry, arithmancy, numerology, charms (incantations used to endow amulets or talismen with magical powers), and runes (magic markings).

In *Goblet of Fire*, Harry becomes a full-blown clairvoyant (able to predict the future). This, of course, encourages the reader to want to do it also.

“Harry Potter gives children an appetite for the occult” (*Robert Knight, Family Research Council, in Tulsa World, June 20, 2000*).

Each additional book in the series intensifies the amount of mischief and horror (*Prisoner of Azkaban* and *Goblet of Fire* are the worst). On one hand, the reader becomes so blunted to bloodshed, that it keeps requiring more to maintain his interest. On the other, Rowling is leading them toward a predetermined, sinister objective: to give the children the fullest, possible education in witchcraft.

“I can tell you that the books are getting darker. Harry’s going to have quite a bit to deal with as he gets older.”—*Rowling, Conline interview, September 25, 1999.*

“Each new book seems a bit darker and more morbidly tragic than the one preceding.”—*Steve Bonta, The New American, August 28, 2000.*

“Death and bereavement and what death means, I would say, are one of the central themes in all seven books.”—*Rowling, in ibid.*

Harry Potter started school when he was eleven; he will be seventeen when he starts the last year. Rowling warns us that, in addition to all his other acts of rebellion against law and order, soon he will start doing things with girls.

“Harry’s going to have quite a bit to deal with as he gets older . . . ‘Harry and his friends will be discovering their hormones as they grow older.’”—*Rowling, Conline interview, September 25, 1999.*

She hints at what is coming in Book 4, Harry sees a number of sensual, erotic ghost/women, “the most beautiful women Harry had ever seen” (*Goblet of Fire, 103*).

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People all across America are being deluged with books on witchcraft, and the situation is going to get worse, not better.—But witchcraft brings you into contact with demons!

We are dealing with spiritualism. The Bible is very clear about how dangerous it is. Spiritualism has existed for thousands of years. It is contact by humans with demons. That is nothing to play around with!

Spiritualism (also called spiritism) has many names: *witchcraft, sorcery, shamanism, mediumship, occultism* (“occult” means “hidden”), and the *dark arts*. Modern names for it include *channeling* and *parapsychology*. Other, more recent words are *New Age* and *psychics*. It is also called “*magick*” with a “k.” (Spiritualists say that ‘magic,’ without the “k,” is merely the tricks done by a stage performer.) **But it is all spiritualism, and it is based on demon worship.**

The Eastern religions are closely related, such as yoga and Buddhism, which are meditative. Yoga is a branch of the Hindu religion which aims at union with Brahman, a heathen god. A yogi is one who practices yoga to achieve salvation through paganism.

Modern witches—including those in Salem—use the name, “*wicca*,” to describe their witchcraft activities. The word comes from the original Anglo-Saxon spelling for the modern English word, “witch.”

Female mediums are called “*witches*,” and males are called “*wizards*” or “*warlocks*.” **They communicate with evil spirits, which are demons. Demons are evil angels who obey Satan.**

Spiritualism, commonly called witchcraft, is satanic paganism. **Witches and wizards enter into a covenant with the devil to serve him. They hate God and Christ. They hate Christianity and the Bible. They hate the ten commandments and the grace of Christ.**

They idolize selfishness, force, cruelty, death, and dead corpses. They love to inflict pain, suffering, and death on both people and animals. When they can’t kill people, they kill animals. They love cemeteries and dead bodies.

Their animal “pets” are owls, black cats, bats, buzzards, snakes, and spiders. **Anything that could possibly be considered gruesome, they enjoy. Everything clean and pure and holy they hate.** They have a special liking for snakes and often worship them. Their pictures frequently include snakes and the head of a goat in the shape of a five-pointed upside-down star. (The

horns, chin, and two-sided beards are the five “points.”) They especially like pictures and statues of snakes and goats because, in the Bible, both, at times, symbolize Satan (*Genesis 3:1-5* and *Leviticus 16:21-22*). Of course, **we can understand why spiritualists like symbols of Satan, for he is their master.**

Their superstitions include creatures, most of them horrid, that don’t exist—such as ogres, trolls, elves, goblins, gnomes, fairies, mishapen giants, banshees, dragons (imaginary giant four-legged snakes), and blood-sucking vampires. Other non-existent creatures that they speak lovingly about include unicorns, the phoenix, and a large three-headed black dog.

They talk about these imaginary things in order to frighten people. They know that the minds of people who are afraid are easier to control.

But we know that perfect trust in God casts out fear; it rejects superstitions. If we cling to Jesus, we will be safe.

Spiritualists love to figure out devices to control people’s minds or, hopefully, curse them with disease or other problems. **But they cannot injure anyone who trusts implicitly in God and stays away from their dark kingdom. They usually can only hurt people who get too close to them.**

Anton LaVey (1930-1997), founder of the Church of Satan in San Francisco in the 1950s, was a leading twentieth-century spiritualist. In his *Satanic Bible*, he wrote the rules of demon worshipers. Those rules include selfishness instead of helpfulness, indulgence instead of self-control, vengeance instead of forgiveness, and love for sin because it produces immediate gratification. **He said man is just an animal and should live like one. All morality should be ignored. Selfishness and brute force are the highest good.**

But is such miserable living something anyone should want for his life? No, of course not.

Even though all forms of spiritualism and witchcraft are extremely dangerous, people are intrigued by it because it seems so mysterious. They are curious to know more. It is their curiosity that catches them.

But when they dig more deeply into it, all they find it to be is a bunch of lies and fakery. It is like cobwebs on the wall. There is really nothing there. But, by the time they make that discovery, it may be too late for them. They have been caught.

You might ask, “Caught by what?” Caught by the one

thing in spiritualism which is not a fake; it is real! Along with the mystery, it is what keeps people coming back until they are snared in a net.

The curiosity seekers sense that a supernatural power is present in all this, and they crave to have that power for themselves. They want to be able to either control or hurt others. But that selfish craving leads them into a pit from which many never escape. They are the ones who are controlled; they are the ones who are hurt.

They have entered a web of demons. And the power which controls them is the power of Satan.

Those who let these chains be placed on them have been captured by evil angels. Unless in the strength of Christ they break loose, they will be lost souls.

All forms of spiritualism are extremely dangerous, and none should be toyed with. Even though the whole thing consists of only false claims and mysterious apparitions,—you and I can still be trapped by it if, through curiosity, we start liking any of it.

In reality, the whole thing is a gigantic fake. Witches say they can fly, but they can't. They say they can put curses on people, but they can't. They say they can pronounce magic formulas and make magic potents, but it is all worthless.

Yet there is power there! It is the power of Satan. Oddly enough, the spiritualists don't have this power. Instead, it is a power controlling them which has it! It is a power, working through them, to catch others who get too close.

These evil angels can cause people, who start playing with spiritualism, to see things that are not really there. It may seem real and exciting, but what those persons think they see—are only appearances, also called *apparitions*.

At the request of a paid visitor, the medium mutters incantations and something that seems to be a dead relative may appear. It looks exactly like the person and talks the way he always talked. But it is not that person who is talking; it is a demon.

This is exactly what happened to King Saul when, in the Bible, he visited the witch of Endor (1 Samuel 28:7-15). The witch had entered into a covenant with Satan, to do his bidding. While the prophet Samuel was living, Saul despised his counsel. But now, in a time of crisis, he wanted to talk to the prophet—who by that time had died.

So Saul asked the witch to show him Samuel. Then something appeared in the room which looked like Samuel.

But both you and I know that God did not permit a servant of the devil to bring Samuel up from the grave into that room! And Satan cannot restore life or raise the dead.

Nor would a witch be permitted by God to have any power over Samuel, either when he was alive or after he died. We know that's true because God repeatedly said in the Bible that witches are bad and no one should have anything to do with them.

Even though that apparition may have said something true, it was not Samuel but a demon that spoke to

the king. It was one of Satan's devils in the form of a man.

Here is another reason it could not have been Samuel: **The Bible clearly states that King Saul died because he went to that witch for advice instead of going to God! We are told that Saul "inquired of it"; that is, the evil spirit. He didn't talk to Samuel, but to a demon:**

"Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the Lord, even against the Word of the Lord, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, *to inquire of it*; and inquired not of the Lord; therefore He slew him" (1 Chronicles 10:13-14).

God forbids us to go to witches, wizards, or other spiritualists for guidance, or to seek counsel through them from the dead. Here is another important Bible verse:

"And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep and that mutter, should not a people seek unto their God? [instead of] for the living to [seek guidance of] the dead? To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this Word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isaiah 8:19-20).

Now, these appearances—or apparitions—can also take other forms as well. Under a satanic spell, people can think they see a person rise into the air, a stone change into a snake, or some other amazing thing.

In the Bible, in order to show that he was acting under the guidance of God, Moses was told to throw his shepherd's staff down and it would turn into a serpent (Exodus 7:8-12). He did this in the presence of Pharaoh. That piece of wood had actually changed into a living snake! Only God can do that; only He can make life. But then the king's magicians, who were wizards under the command of Satan, threw their sticks to the ground,—and they also appeared to change into living, wiggling snakes! Yet the sticks had not changed into snakes at all. They were just sticks laying there. Satan could only produce an appearance, an illusion.

In the 1970s, an American tourist in India came upon a fakir, the name for a wizard in India, who regularly charged visitors money to see an interesting sight. Immediately, this tourist began filming what took place.

The fakir threw down a coiled rope onto the ground and, **as he uttered an incantation, the end of the rope began rising up into the air by itself!** As soon as it stopped (when the top was about ten feet up), a native boy stepped forward and began climbing the rope. It was as plain as anything. As he reached the top, the fakir pulled a long knife out of his belt and also began climbing that rope. By this time, that thin rope was apparently supporting an immense amount of weight.

When he reached the boy, the fakir cut off the boy's head as the tourists screamed with terror. Then both the fakir and boy jumped ten feet to the ground, without being hurt. Immediately, both were standing on the ground and the boy was unhurt. The tourists went wild with applause.

The tourist realized he had something sensational in his camera. **As soon as he returned to America and had it developed, he checked to see what he had. This is what was recorded on the film:**

The fakir threw down the coiled rope and stepped back. The tourists stood there watching him. The boy stood nearby. Then the tourists began looking upward. The rope still lay coiled on the ground. All at once, they looked toward the boy, who continued to remain motionless. Then they looked slowly upward again. Suddenly, they looked at the fakir, as they thought they saw him climbing also. Soon they screamed in horror. Then everyone began laughing and applauding. *Yet all the while the fakir and the boy had stood there by the coiled rope.*

It was only an appearance, or apparition. Satan caused them to see something that was not there. This story helps explain the mystery of the magicians' snakes in Exodus 7.

Those that dabble with spiritualism do not gain anything worthwhile. They do not become the great and powerful people they had hoped for. Instead they become demon-harassed or demon-possessed.

They have chosen to step onto Satan's enchanted ground. They don't feel good, they experience continued depression. They experience doubts and lose confidence in themselves. **The happiness they used to have is gone. They have anxiety attacks. They have more fears.** Although they may have excitement at times, they no longer have peace of heart.

It is not the witch—but the demons—who are in charge of what happens to those people. And the demons enjoy giving many of them even worse problems. They may fall to the floor. They may lay there unable to move. They may go into a coma. Some crawl around on the floor like animals, sometimes making animal sounds. Some slither on the floor like a snake. **Others develop shakes, make strange noises, or have fits of laughter which they cannot stop.** Some become sick, even chronically. Many become insane and some commit suicide. Some commit murder.

Since witchcraft, channeling, and other demonic activities appear so inviting today, we must be on guard! **The spiritualists will tell you a little here and a little there, to draw you in. But seeing it all at once—as you are learning here,—shows it to be nothing but empty foolishness.**

Children's witchcraft books, videos, and games are extremely dangerous! Something exciting seems to be there. People seem able to enter a supernatural world and obtain great power. **On each page is a little more, and gradually the reader is drawn into it because everything seems so fascinating.**

So, by way of warning, here is what the spiritualists—the wizards and witches—work with:

They have spell books in which are written incantations, spells, and charms. They imagine that, by pronouncing them, they accomplish something. But they don't. They use these spells to utter curses on people and animals (and counterurses on other witches).

What is a spell? It is a meaningless group of non-sensical words. Nothing more. It has no power to ac-

complish anything. If I sat here and babbled such sentences, you would think I was only six months old. But if a wizard does it, people imagine it to be something very mysterious.

Satan was once a mighty angel in heaven, but he rebelled against God and now he is the lord of confusion—and of selfishness, suffering, fear, and death. Those are the gifts he offers you in spiritualism.

Witches also love cauldrons. Those are black iron pots in which they boil plants, algae, and fungi. Mandrake root is a favorite. They think that, by drinking those miserable mixtures, something great will happen. But it never does.

One exception is when they add wormwood to the mixture (which is recommended to the reader in *Book I* of the Harry Potter Series (*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, p. 137, original edition). Drinking that will cause delirium, paralysis, convulsions, brain damage, kidney failure, and death. Wormwood contains absinthe, a deadly poison.

Spiritualists wave sticks (which they call "magic wands") in the air, thinking that also accomplishes something. But it doesn't. Isn't it a little foolish sitting around, waving a stick in the air? Only babies do that.

Since all forms of spiritualism and witchcraft accomplish absolutely nothing, one wonders why anyone would be interested in it. But do not forget that **a person is initially attracted by the mystery and false claims. Then, when he pauses to look at it a little, he senses that a supernatural power is present.**

If he does not immediately flee, soon he is captured by that power; and it is only with difficulty that he will escape.

In order to attract the curious so they will be captured, **the spiritualists have to keep everything appearing mysterious.** They get a devilish delight in having others share their desperate, miserable lives.

To add to the mystery, they write words in runes, which are either ancient German characters, which are hard to read, or some other meaningless scribbles. They talk about magic numbers (*numerology*) and magic lines (*geomancy*).

Anything random is said to mean something: whether it be tea leaves in the bottom of a cup (*tea reading*) or lines on a hand (*palmistry*). **Anything meaningless becomes important. But things that are very important, like the Bible, the ten commandments, moral principles, and the saving power of Christ are ignored or ridiculed.**

Crystal balls are highly valued because, when anyone looks into them,—he can't see anything! What a crazy way to obtain information. But **Satan uses sticks, meaningless sentences, and confusing glass to hide the fact that there is nothing real** in all the messages, predictions, and appearances of witchcraft.

Ouija boards and Tarot cards are something else you want to totally stay away from. They may seem harmless, but demons will enter you if you use them, even for a short time. **Other very real dangers are dowsing rods, hanging pendulums** (a small weight on the

end of a string), and **water witching**. They are not harmless, but stepping stones toward more captivating problems later.

One thing that is very real in spiritualism is hypnotism. It is satanic power used to capture and control a human mind. Beware and have nothing to do with it! A spiritualist waves his hand meaninglessly or gets you to repeat one or a few words over and over. He does this to confuse your mind, so it will go into a dreamy state. But when one mind controls another, Satan controls both. **Do not let someone else control your mind.**

There is medical hypnosis, research hypnosis, psychiatric (counseling) hypnosis, and recreational hypnosis. All of them can be dangerous.

Yet you cannot be hypnotized if you refuse. Do not relax. Keep your mind clearly fixed on Jesus; and pray, trust in Him,—and get your friends and yourself out of there. Do not linger. Do not dare someone to do it.

Psychics pretend to be able to predict the future, but it is extremely rare that one of their predictions comes true. If they had any ability at all, they should be able to get at least 51 percent right instead of about one-half of one percent.

Horoscopes are another fortune-telling device that is as worthless as the rest. Astrology is based on the idea that everyone born on a certain date will, day after day, year after year throughout their lives, have the very same experiences. But that does not happen.

It is a good rule to avoid reading stories by people who like witches. Such children's stories are not as harmless as they appear. Some who read them are later led into contact with actual witches. We should avoid whatever might give Satan closer access to our minds.

Fairy tales may seem harmless and apparently produce no harmful effects. Yet they are unreal and, although obviously about imaginary creatures, prepare the mind to like reading such things. **The person who reads them will later be more favorable toward the reading and enjoyment of stories more openly about witchcraft.** Later still he will be more susceptible to astrology, hypnotism, and contacts with spiritist mediums, today called channelers.

Fairy tales lead young people away from a love for God's Word. Later, when the Gospel is presented to them, they may be harder to reach. They prefer living in an unreal world.

There are so many things today which cause young people to continually crave greater excitement, that it becomes easier for Satan to lead them into various addictions. They have become dissatisfied with everyday living.

The Bible says that Satan is a liar and the father of it (John 8:44). Spiritualism is nothing more than a bunch of lies, carefully packaged to bring a lot of sadness and heartache into your life.

The Holy Scriptures are our only safe guide. God has given terrible warnings against having anything to

do with witches, wizards, enchanters, and sorcerers.

Here is part of what the Bible says about this. The warnings are very strong, for God knows that spiritualism is especially used by Satan to take control of people:

Spiritualists are an abomination to God—“There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch . . . or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord: and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee. Thou shalt be perfect with the Lord thy God.”—*Deuteronomy 18:10-13*.

Have nothing to do with them—“Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God.”—*Leviticus 19:31*.

Saul died for asking advice of an evil spirit—“Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the Lord, even against the Word of the Lord, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to inquire of it; and inquired not of the Lord; therefore He slew him.”—*1 Chronicles 10:13-14* (see *1 Samuel 28:7-15*).

God will judge them severely—“And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers.”—*Malachi 3:5*.

Do not listen to their lies—“Therefore hearken not ye to . . . your enchanters, nor to your sorcerers . . . for they prophesy a lie unto you, to remove you far from your land.”—*Jeremiah 27:9-10*.

God does not want them to continue to live—“Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.”—*Exodus 22:18*. “A man also or a woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death.”—*Leviticus 20:27*.

Spiritualists will not go to heaven—“Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies . . . I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”—*Galatians 5:20-21*.

Go to God and the Bible for counsel, not to spiritualists—“And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep and that mutter; should not a people seek unto their God? [instead of] for the living to [seek guidance of] the dead? To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this Word, it is because there is no light in them.”—*Isaiah 8:19-20*.

In the last days, many will be deluded into placing confidence in spiritualists—“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.”—*1 Timothy 4:1*.

If you believe the Bible and want to be redeemed by Christ, you cannot have anything to do with witches, wizards, psychics, and all the rest.